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| <b>Request<br/>for<br/>Continued Examination (RCE)<br/>Transmittal</b><br>(under 35 USC 132(b)) | Serial No.               | 09/700,494        | <b>FAX RECEIVED</b><br><br><b>MAY 16 2002</b><br><br><b>PETITIONER'S OFFICE</b> |
|   | Filing Date              | November 16, 2000 |   |
|   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Inventor | ICHIHARA et al.   |   |
|   | Art Unit                 | 1623              |   |
|   | Examiner                 | Forohar           |   |
|   | Docket No.               | P06939US00/bas    |   |

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: RCE is available for utility applns. filed on or after June 5, 1995. For applns. filed prior to May 29, 2000, consideration of a CPA (under § 1.53(d)) should be considered to obtain benefit of patent term adjustments.

**Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114**

- ..... Previously submitted
- ..... Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on
- ..... Consider the arguments in the Appeal or Reply Brief previously filed on
- ..... Other:
- ☒ Enclosed
- ..... Amendment/Reply
- ..... Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Citation
- ☒ Other: Petition under 37 CFR 1.313(C)(2) to Withdraw Application From Issue

**Miscellaneous**

- ..... Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR § 1.103(c) for a period of \* months (not more than 3 months, § 1.17(i) fee required)
- ..... Other:

FEE: calculated below (after reduction for an amendment if noted above).

|   | NOW | Basic/Previous Number | Present Extra | Rate      | \$     |
|---|-----|-----------------------|---------------|-----------|--------|
| ..... TOTAL CLAIMS  | 4   | - 20                  | 0             | X \$ 18 = |        |
| ..... INDEP. CLAIMS   | 1   | - 3                   | 0             | X \$ 84 = |        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) |     |                       |               | \$ 740 =  | 740.00 |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =   |     |                       |               |           | 740.00 |
| ..... Reduction by ½ for small entity status of applicant                   |     |                       |               | -         |        |
| SUBTOTAL =  |     |                       |               |           | 740.00 |
| ..... Fee for extension of time in parent application                       |     |                       |               | + \$ =    |        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition Fee                            |     |                       |               | + \$ =    | 130.00 |
| TOTAL OF ALL FEES =   |     |                       |               |           | 870.00 |

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 870.00 is enclosed. If no check or an insufficient check is enclosed and a fee is due in connection herewith, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or additional fee due in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 12-0555.
- ☒ In the event that a petition for extension of time is required to be submitted but it is not filed herewith, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or additional fee due in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 12-0555.

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